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BENZOIC ACID ESTERS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed June 12, 2007, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the invention of Group II, Claims 15-17.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.